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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :  
GORDON T. BROWN ET AL. : AUTOMATED ACCOUNTING SYSTEM  
: :  
[Continuation of Application :  
Serial No. 08/313,988 : Attorney Docket No. 47781-7  
Filed September 28, 1994] : :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

October 11, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Attention: BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination.

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

*(SAC BY)*  
This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/313,988  
filed September 28, 1994.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-27.

Please add new Claims 28-82 as follows:

28. (New) A computer assisted method for producing an accounting statement for a first entity, comprising:

providing standardized codes;

conducting through other entities separate financial transactions, including transfer of funds and instructions for transfer of funds, with the first entity at a plurality of separate points;

associating the standardized codes at about the time when funds are transferred or instructions are given for transfer to complete the financial transaction;